

# Independence

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



## Building Hours and Program Times

May, 2014

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening*

## Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

*Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening*

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required. Free tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.**

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## Franklin Court

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Free Quaker Meeting House..... open Wednesday-Sunday..... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon-5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon

Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery. (15 min)

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” Sat-Sun at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)

Moses Williams created silhouettes by operating an ingenious machine, the physiognotrace. Hear how his skill led to his freedom and see a reproduction of the machine.

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; Sat-Sun at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)

Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

## Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon – 4:00 p.m.

## Special Events and Program Descriptions

**May 9, 10, 11 - 11:00- Liberty Bell Center - Lucretia Mott’s Enduring Legacy** - Hear the story of this mother of five, Lucretia Mott. Lucretia, while maintaining a full routine as mother and housewife, became one of the most prominent and persistent advocates of the anti-slavery movement; as well a leader of the women’s rights movement. (10 min)

**May 10 & 11 - 3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Honoring the Founding Mothers** Did you know that Mother’s Day was founded by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia? Join a park ranger for a gallery tour and hear the stories about the “Founding Mothers” who inspire us with their courage and determination. (30 min)

**May 24-25 - 3:00 - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Heroism and Sacrifice During the American Revolution** Join a park to learn more about the struggles and sacrifices made by members of the military during the American Revolution. (30 min)